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Daniels Answers His Critics

MERICAN manufacturers, and the Beth-A lehem Steel Company in particular, will find it hard to answer Secretary Daniels's statement concerning the award of a contract for navy projectiles to a British munition company. Despite the criticisms and complaints launched against the Secretary of the Navy by the Bethlehem Steel Company, it is apparent that he conserved the public interest by making a contract which saved the Navy Department about \$200 on each shell. Whether the American bidders were lacking in patriotism or in facilities, the effect on their bids was the same: they far exceeded those made by the British concern. It may be that the incident will teach the same lesson to American munition makers that the armorplate manufacturers learned.

Why doesn't the Colonel go to the Fifi Islands and leave us alone, as he promised

Without Humiliation

VIRGINIA rejoices at the order returning the Second Regiment from the border and in the confident expectation that the Blues, the Howitzers and other commands soon will be relieved of their long tour of duty and mustered out of the Federal service. Rejoicing will be the more pronounced that no wires have been pulled at the War Department in behalf of these gallant young soldiers, who have won, wherever they have been stationed, the whole-souled admiration of their superior officers.

Richmond has missed her own boys sadly and wants them back, but Richmond would have shared their humiliation under efforts to relieve them, at the expense of others, of obligations they had incurred. That they have rendered a high service to their country, the Secretary of War and the chief of staff have borne willing testimony. That should, and will, console them for every sacrifice they

"Turkey Explains Why She Entered War," says a headline. That's easy; it would be more interesting if she were to explain how she is going to get out of it.

Light Breaking in Russia

TITLE Father and Czar of All the Russias → though he is, Emperor Nicholas voiced. in his rescript to the new Russian Premier. what he thought should be the spirit of his country, not what it really is. Declaring that "all thought of all Russians" was turned to the nation's defenders, he arged only the strengthening of the army in the field and of its resources behind the lines. He said not a word of the dawning, if not the shining, of new light in Russia the light that illus ines the awakening of a people.

His address was in complete accord with the reactionary movement of the autocracy. In ignoring the growing cry for freedom, it reflected the recent repressive measures, the deposition of frepon and the elevation of Prince Golotzine, the proroguing of the Duma and the several postponements of its session. But even the ukase of the Czar, backed by an intrenched bureaueracy, cannot put out the light that is breaking. After the war no matter how it ends, there will be a new Russia, and the Czar will not express its aspiration or its thought

Admiral Dewey was promoted four numbers for winning the battle of Manila; Dr. Grayson more than 100 for personal attention to the President

American Automobile Exports

STATISTICS recently compiled show an almost incredible growth in the American automobile industry. Though the business virtually had its inception in France and ever now is less than twenty years old. America actually dominates the world in that industry, which is increasing by leaps and bounds. Within the last six years, as shown by the statistical table, exports have increased from \$12,965.049 in 1911 to \$120,-000.866 in 1916.

Analysis of the war trade shows what was to have been expected; that the exportation of trucks and other commercial cars far exceeded that of pleasure cars at first. During the year ending June 30, 1915, the sum expended for passenger cars exported was \$4,000,000 less than during the preceding twelve months, while commercial-car exports leaped from \$1,181,611 to \$39,140,682. However, during the latter part of 1916, for the first time since Octob , 1914, exports of passenger cars equaled shipments of commercial cars. In view of the various embargoes in effect, that condition may be taken are gaining a firmer position in neutral

That gambling room in Danville which was ound to contain more than 1,000 beer and whisky bottles must have been used for somethin besides gambling.

Jewish Religious Ideals THE world owes much to the civilizing influences of Jewish religious ideals, which have found application in the political institutions of those nations that have made the most progress in beneficent government, All of the great religions of the world have drawn upon these ideals for such inspiration as they reflect in support of the principle of the brotherhood of man, the acceptance of which is the underlying strength of a true civilization.

The spirit of Judaism, vitalized by the

teaching and martyrdom of Jesus, constitutes the growing appeal of Christianity to all peoples. Jesus sought to destroy the formalism that was sapping the vitality of the Jewish religious system. He insisted that He came not to destroy the law or the prophets, but to fulfill, and in this purpose the burden of His teaching was to bring about the conscious realization of the spiritual unity of the individual with the Father. He strove for a cenascence of Judaistic ideals of the past.

It is to uphold these ideals that the Independent Order of B'nai B'rith exists. To make their influence upon twentieth century institutions more sensibly felt is the purpose of the organization, and in that purpose the Christian population of Richmond bids the convention of Grand Lodge No. 5 of the order welcome within its gates and Godspeed in its laudable work.

A military band might as well not have a drum major if he is to be barred from juggling his baton. Next thing, he will be deprived of his bearskin shako. And after that they won't let a proud colored boy carry the front half of the drum. Then the whole military system will collapse

For the Peace of the World

PRESIDENT WILSON, in his address to the Senate yesterday, struck a mighty blow for the security and happiness of the world. His appeal is not for peace, merely, but for the peace which shall endure—the peace which has its foundations in justice and right, which considers the small nation with the great and which has behind it the physical force, as well as the moral sanction, of civilized mankind

The President assumes that after the war t ere must be a league to enforce peace, and he assumes also that America will be called on to bear a conspicuous part in that high enterprise. His address states the conditions on which America will be willing to respond to that call. This people is concerned vitally. he says, in the manner in which the war is ended. "so far as our participation in guarantees of future peace is concerned."

It is to be expected that throughout the nations of the entente the President's declaration of American principle will meet with herce antagonism, for he says in so many words that the peace this nation will be willing to assist in guaranteeing "must be a peace without victory." He asserts that "vic-

... would mean peace forced upon the loser a victor's terms imposed upon the vanquished." Such a peace, he says, "would be accepted in humiliation, under duress, at an intolerable sacrifice, and would leave a sting. a resentment, a bitter memory, upon which terms of peace would rest, not permanently, but only as upon a quicksand."

There can be no question about this. Much as we may dislike to face the fact, it must be apparent that a peace dependent on the complete triumph of either set of belligerents and followed by a victor's rearrangement of the map of Europe, could be preserved only by the constant menace of the same overwhelming force which attained it. It would carry within itself the germs of its own dissolution. That the United States of America would enter a league of nations, banded together to repress the pleadings of subject races and reverse all the laws of economic development, is unthinkable. "No peace can last, or ought to last," says the President, "which does not recognize and accept the principle that governments derive all their just powers from the consent of the governed, and that no right anywhere exists to hand peoples about from sovereignty to sovereignty as if they were property."

At any rate, America recognizes these principles, and America will not undertake to guarantee a status founded on their overthrow. When peace shall come, and on what terms, the belligerents must say, but they know now the terms on which the United States will act with them in war's aftermath. Government with the consent of the governed, the freedom of the seas, and the limitation of armaments, assured by a mighty union of free peoples, is the President's peace "These are American principles, American policies," he says, "We can stand for no others. And they are also the principies and policies of forward-looking men and women everywhere, of every modern nation, of every enlightened community, They are the principles of mankind, and must

The Mexican Constitutional Assembly has approved an article giving preference to Mexicans in the matter of concessions. Doubtless the idea is that any graft possible ought to go to true patriots.

Prisoners of War

FURTHER complications with Germany are possible, if reports are true that among the crews captured from allied merchantmen by the German raider and held as prisoners of war are several American citizens. It is the same old question of armed merchantmen, given another twist by the circumstances, and on this question the United States has offined its position clearly, and has signified its intention of standing firmly.

If the merchantman, the Yarrowdale, from which the Americans are reported to have, and been taken, was so armed—that is, offensively as to warrant Germany in treating her as n effect a war vessel, then Germany is within her rights in considering her crew, no matter what their nationality, as prisoners of war, in other words, if the Varrowdale was virtually an auxiliary cruiser, her crew must expect no more consideration on account of neutral citizenship than do the American airmen in the French service.

But Germany cannot modify the rules of international law to suit Germany. The mere fact that the Yarrowdale was an armed merchantman does not fix her status as a war vessel. Any merchantman has a right to bear arms for defensive purposes, and this right cannot be revoked by a German declaration. to indicate that American passenger vehicles. This has been made plain more than once by sharp passages between the Teutonic powers and this government in regard to the linking of ships by submarines. Precisely the same reasoning applies in both cases. Unless the Yarrowdale was a man-o'-war, Germany cannot hold American members of her crew as prisoners of war without being prepared to take the consequences.

> Stenographers and typewriters employed by the American Federation of Labor are threatening to go on strike. If they do, it will be an important question whether the allied trade, will be called on by the federation to declare a strike in sympathy with its own

> The Elks purpose a burlesque performance making fun of the city government. Why burlesque it? If they play it "straight" it will be entertaining enough

SEEN ON THE SIDE

Foolishness.

What's the sense in shedding tears For the sins of vanished years? They are past. You can make them no less frightful, You can't make them seem delightful. Brooded o'er, they grow more spiteful And more vast

What's the use of feeling blue Let the modern sins of you Overeast

Days which you outgit be enjoying: You are happiness destroying. For these sins, howe'er annoying, Cannot last.

What's the sease in feeling glum Over sins of times to come? Time flies fast, And the sus you'll be committing. Like the ones which you've been quitting, You'll discover, when they're flitting,

The Pessimist Says:

Cannot last.

Being physician to a President seems to be the next best thing to being Colonel to the Lieutenant-Colonel of Rough Riders

Urged by His Thirst.

Grubbs-How do you explain Bink's gapid progress in the game of golf? Stubbs-By his chronic anxiety to play the

ineteenth hole

Involved. "He seems almost too good to be true." "What of it? Isn't that better than being too true to be good?"

Good Practice.

"How did Miss Oldgirl acquire her marked mathematical ability? "In keeping track of the number of the matrimonial opportunities she claims to have

To-Day's Best Hand-Picked Joke.

Old John Bates, an Edinburgh upholsterer, was renowned for his silence. People who have his customers for a generation had, many of them, never heard a word from him, except Good magning. Five shillings. Thank you. Good day.

A patron one day said to John: What's the best kind of mattress?

"Hair," was the reply. The patron, some twenty years later, had casion to buy another mattress, and again asked what the best kind was.

"Cotton," said John. "Cotton!" the patron cried, "Why, you told ie twenty years ago that hair was the best."

The old man gave a quaint sigh, "Talking has always been my ruin," he said.

I nmasked.

Though some men say that they delay To think, I think they're lazy: They're ne'er on time, which is a crime To set the whole world crazy

Health Talks, by Dr. Wm. Brady (Copyright, 1916, National Newspaper Service.)

The Climate and Pneumonia.

"My little boy, aged five, has had pneumonia or the past four winters. We live in Wisconsin, not I have been advised to take him to a carmer climate for the winter months, so that e may be out of doors more. As I do not know ast winat climate would be beneficial, will you indiv name the city or place that would be gift for him. Also please name the very best octor there!" A letter from a reader. A letter from a reader Panama is a good climate for pneumonia. The isease raged there and proved a serious prolom for the health authorities. Dr. Gorgas was able to determine what kept it going, stamped it out. So well did he accomthat the British government invited sit the Rand in South Africa, another climate where pneumonia was to the life of the workingme to the life of the workingmen. In went to the Rand, investigated the conand stamped out pneumonin. How did
builth this? By putting the men in
ala jackets? No. By making them wear
othing? No. By ordering them to avoid
No. By insisting upon dry clothing at
No. In fact, his study of the discuss. that none of these factors wa all. He stamped out preumonia a just as he had done on the Panam eliminating crowding. The working re housed in large barracks. Gorgas had hacks built for them, spread them out larger space of ground, and then the min suddenly ceased to warry the health

es, and is as safe a place as one could by inter, so far as the risk of pneumonla ld. You can't escape respiratory infecticeing to another climate. Even in illippines, according to the United States Health Service, respiratory infections are ost common diseases,

A warmer climate where he may be out or ore. There are few days when a five boy in frail health should not be out for many hours, even in the winter Wisconsin

a Wisconsin.

ents with pneumonia, aged, middle-aged
ldren, certainly are more comfortable our

ors in cold weather. Even physicians who do not advocate the open-air treatment of a monia in cold weather admit this. Of a the bed must be especially prepared for air treatment, for the patient must alway

Phenopolia is a tropical disease a di reduciona is a tropical disease—a disease individuals who are too much confined in war air. In the far North it is exceedingly entry in the far North it is exceedingly entry in the source frequent in cities than in rural attricts over thousand population. It prevaisness was the Northern States and in Canada Keen, the thermometer at 5, sec. the Southern Stat. Keep the thermometer at 65 to 67 degraded remember that all "colde" are called

action for Spraying in Nose.—Please sug-

W. P. W. Answer. Alkaline antiseptic solution (X. one to six of water.

Questions and Answers.

The Voice of the People

As an evidence of good faith, letters must give the name and address of the writer. Names will not be published if writer so requests Make all communications short.

Complains of Concert Arrangements

The Wednesday Club is to be cong, on the results of the concert on Thur it was a real success, though, of congress scores and scores of singers in the congit of the congress of singers in the chorus.

there are scores and scores of singless in the city who ought to be ashamed that they were not in the chorus.

I feel, however, moved to make an earnest public protest against the imberile way in which the ancience was admitted to the half. When we arrived we had to begin clear out at the pavement of Cary Street and slowy work out way up with the crowd. Only one of the door opening into the foyer was opened. A number of people who were inside winhed for some reason to get out, and the two streams crowded past each other through that narrow comming once inside, we found the trouble had just be zun; only one narrow door opening into the half was open, and the young nan who nearmed the trickets the did not take them up) occupied shout half of that. So, as a matter of fact, that large assistance was supposed to ge through that door, which only admitted one at a time. To the sufferers it seemed as though the matter ment was endeavoring to make it just as difficult as possible for us to hear that concert. It goes without saying that all of the doors and if the club cannot affect to employ enough doornee, then let us have a special collection to provide the necessary proney.

At the McCormack concert I am told that At the McCormack concert I am told that

every door was open and a sign at each showing the proper section to be admitted at that door. Another thing; the rule against scating persons while any miniscal number is being given should be enforced. Those who are key or negligent deserve to be shut out, and those who are in fortunate enough to be detained by matters beyond their control must expect to be still further actained.

Hichmond, January 26.

Where "The Star-Springled Bunner" Is.

Where "The Star-Spangled Bunner" Is.
To the Editor of The Times Dispaten:
Sir, Peleg D. Harrison's "Stars and Stripes
and Other American Flags." published in 1906,
when it states that it is not known into whose
possession the flag ("The Star-Spangled Banper" flag) passed is very defective. This flag
has been for several years in the National
Museum at Washington, and is a specially constructed case.

Major Armistead, the defender of Fort Me Henry, was born on the Baylor Newma Farms, near Milford, Caroline County, Va., mother being a Baylor. Some years ag wrote to Mr Eben Appleton, telling him of the connection with Major Armistead and suggesting to him that this very interesting nice of bunting should unquestionably be placed in the Nittonal Museum at Washington with the relies of the nation.

Mr. Aupleton first lent, and before his death art. Appleton true lent, and before his death presented, this flag to the people of the United States, to be kent for all time in our National Museum at Washington J. B. BAYLOR, Mifford, Val. January 20.

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House of Governors.

B. R. Grange, Va - The United States House of dovernors was formally established in 1916, and made arrangements for annual conferences of State dovernors.

Norway.

1. 48 F. Richmond.—The peasants of that country declared themselves too poor to support an aristocracy, and abolished it by parliamentary vote some years ago.

Suffrage in Finland.

W. T. H. Botetourt, Va.—Finland found her omen so able and so patriotic in her political truggle against Russin that she, first of all proposal initions, gave her women absolute oblitical equality in 1906. Buby Religious "Father."

T. H. R. Blacksburg, Va — The baby Emperor of China, when forced to abdicate his throne is 1912, was proclaimed by the new head of the country as its chief priest, "the father of the country." This was to soften the shock of change. So the babe remains a religious Tather to China.

Verestehngin.

W. A. McG., Richmond. Verestchagin, the greatest of modern Russian painters, went to the Russo-Japanese war to paint its scenes for the Russian government. He was on a battle-ship which was torpedoed by the Japanese, and sank with all its crew. Italian Socialistic Teachings. s. T. J., Bowling Green, Va.—Italian patriotism had been almost destroyed by Socialistic teachings. The scholars took up the difficulty, wrote books insisting on the necessity of patriotism, and then in 1910 had a great patriotic gathering in Florence, and by speeches, noems and pamph-

in Florence, and by speeches, lets, aroused the entire nation

Perfirie Diaz. H. I. D. Soith Boston, Va.—Diaz, the Mexican dictator, began life as an ignorant peasant and fought his way apward. Practically alone to raised Mexico to civilization. His fron hand kept down all disorder for a period of over thirty years.

Pampas of Argentina.

mmigrat is the old families of wealth live together in ir targe relatial homes, keeping much to inserver. They carry along the traditions of ir clan, but are not especially interested in retorm of Argentine life or in the extensive using up of new fields of service and oppor-

Thomas Paine.

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Mrs. O. B. Lexington, Va.—Thomas Paine was pointical and deistic writer, the son of English quaker parents. Coming to America, he took a prominent part, as writer, soldler and office-holder in the Revolution, and then went to France, where he was prominent in revolutionary events. He was not an atheist, though his "Age of Reason" was an uncompromising, keen and audacious attack on the Bible.—In his will be speaks of "reposing confidence in my (rentor-God, and in no other being) for I have no other, nor believe in any other." When Paine returned to this country from Europe in 1862 it was to find that his reputation as a patriot had been almost forgotten, and that, although he had rendered the United States great service in the hour of nearl, it was as the author of the attack on the Bible that he was known. Hosted apon the streets, lampooned in the newspapers, deserted by his political associates, in 1809.

News of Fifty Years Ago

from the Richmond Dispatch, Jan. 23, 1867.)

show on the tracks is delaying all trains and into Richmond. Vesterday the train on a Central Railroad due here at 6 P. M. was read a laif hours late, the Richmond, ederleksburg and Potomic trains were one two and a half hours behind time, and the chmond and Daiville express was two hours toft one. Only one train, that on the Richmond and Petersburg road, was on time yesday.

The list of nominations for next Governor of Irginia continues to stretch out. The latest ames mentioned are those of Wyndham Robertson, of Washington County, and Robert (ilbony, of Wythe. The office of Lieutenant-Governor does not seem to be "in much request" not is rather dull in the market.

negro man and woman, both in the employ freen T. Pace, of Danville, ran off to North dima a few days ago and were married by astice of the peace. This is the first case dopement to be recorded for the Virginia

The Ohio River is closed with ice at Wheeling, but time in ten years. sieneral John A. Logan, who reached Wash-gton day before yesterday fresh from Illinois, ports that the people of that State generally you the impeachment of President Johnson.

Nathaniel P. Willis, the well-known poet, died New York yesterday. The body will be then to Boston, his former home, for burial. Sixteen States have so far adopted the unithe United States.

liaker, of Himois, yesterday introduced in the iouse a joint resolution declaring the State overments of all Southern States incompetent, and their acts invalid, until they shall be recilzed by Congress.

A bill regulating the Supreme Court of the biled States, requiring a full bench and analysis decisions on appeals involving State, instead on the House of Representatives yesterday. All the railroads in Indiana and Illinois are a haded with show, and travel by rail in those ates in practically suspended.

Mr. Bronnell yesterday introduced in the ouse of Representatives a joint resolution de-aring that the Southern (rebel) States shall equalitied from voting on pending and fu Inited States until formally restored to Inion, and in the meantime three-fourths the represented States shall be competent amend that Constitution. The resolution

WITHIN THE IRON RING--VI.

BY PREDERIC J. HASKIN

DERLIN. November 24.—Since the outbreak of the war, organized charities have given way before something far more effective—organized people. The war relief work in Germany seldom bears the stamp of professional charity. It rather has the character of a mutual endeavor to bear the unprecedented burdens that war has brought upon the people. The organizations built up by the peace-time charities have been absorbed into the greatest work. They have been made to fit into a national scheme, broader and more human than the old, smug devices for giving. Woman's brains, administrative ability and energy are largely to be credited with the remarkable accomplishments of the world's first business-like, billion-dollar relief trust.

Great in her military and economic

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There existed, besides, the law of 1885, which provided a trifling stipend for the families of soldiers at the front.

closely. Bureaus were opened in cities increasing. and towns to which all might take their difficulties and find relief. The women in these bureaus adjusted rent

legal service.

Labor Trained by System.

Out of the work in behalf of the unemployed has grown up a well-ordered system for the training of unskilled the labor, as well as for marketing it. The women opened sewing-rooms all over the country, secured government contracts for sandbags, clothing and mending, and employed in these rooms many thousands of women who had been thrown out of work or who found themselves confronted with the necessity of taking the place of the obsent bread winner, though untrained for any line of commercial work. But a short while ago the government shut in the stores, and in the railway stations. One seldom manages to cat a meal without having one or more young women of the volunteers approach with her tin offering box upon her arm and separate him from his small change. In the more prespectous parts of the cities one is asked to contribute to some relief a score of times each day, and most of the people asked reach into their pockets and contribute.

As a result of this organization of people, of the war-relief work that ramifies everywhere, the very poor are as well, if not better, on to-day, as far as food, clothing, housing and employment are concerned, than they were in prewar days.

Books and Authors

The Authors League of America has treesive a cablegram from the Russian by Lord Northeliffe, a record of events. Society of Authors and Journalists ex-

Macy S. Watts will appear as a of the demantist in a volume containing three sport plays, to be published this week by the Mac Mildans. The plays are entitled "The Ancient Dance," which will have two acts; "Civilization," in one act, and "The Wearing of the Green," Woman's Prohibition League of

The publication of "Municipal Owner-

Lajpat Rai has just learned that his new work, "Young India, an interpre-tation and a History of the Nationalist Movement From Within," has been pro seribed in his native land. Another ex serified in his native land. Another ex-ample of British censorship of books is Francis Neilson's "How Diplomats Make War." A London bookseller writes to New York that the govern-ment has confiscated the lest shipment of that title.

Will the civilization of the Middle West ultimately become like that of the East? Edward Alsworth Ross, the sociologist, doubts it, and gives the following reasons in his "Changing America": "By its geographical position the Mississippi Valley escapes the temptation to look constantly across the water and model itself on Old-World, especially English, patterns. Screened in a measure from the sapping seductiveness of foreign example, it seems destined to be the most 'Amer ican' part of our country.

George H. Doran Company will soon publish the following new book. "A Woman and the War," by the Countess of Warwick; "The Japanese Conquest of American Opinion," by Montaville

Is largely to be credited with the remarks able accomplishments of the world's lable accomplishments of the world's first business-like, billion-dollar reliable for the war, Germany was considered to the most increased in the military and economic preparedness for the war, Germany was worldly without social preparedness, it was a fatal flaw in the war armor, an oversight in a land whose bureaus empossible. On the day of mobilization, the social-welfare workers of the empire faced chaos, a situation heavy with unlimited possibilities of disaster, to prevent which no machinery had been created, no plans worked out, and no efficient workers instructed. Hundicels of thousands of families of wage-carners saw their bread-winners march of evit chance, and without an idea for the future. Other thousands were thrown out of work. And to swell all this misfortume to appalling magnitude, there later came the high prices, the bitter pinch in food supplies, and interestrictions of certain indistricts. The was the women of Germany, and not the bureauerate, who filled this breach in the land's defenses. Scarcely had the wild excitement of mobilized the country organized the National Women's Service League, enrolled 600, eee of their number as workers therein, outtlined a scheme for national relief and placed this whole, magnificent machinery at the service of the governmental at the established governmental organization all along the line.

Women's Service League, enrolled 600, eee of their number as workers therein, outtlined a scheme for national relief and placed this whole, magnificent machinery at the service of the government and making the horizontal and placed this whole, magnificent for the resisted, besides, the law of 1855, which provided a triffing stipend for the gigantic war tasks of conservation. There existed, besides, the law of 1855, which provided a triffing stipend for the gigantic war tasks of conservation. There existed, besides, the law of 1855, which provided a triffing stipend for the families of soldi to work outside the home to make both ends meet. And, finally, the great kitchen's menu was more scientifically calculated to keep up health and strength than the home menus would

which provided a triffing sthend for the families of soldiers at the front. The rest of the machinery the women had to create. And they did create it.

No one in Germany is good-naturedly witty at the expense of the German Pederation of Women's Clubs to-day for it was this federation that organized the service league and that furnished a body of disciplined women to make history in the realm of social organization.

Thef Service League co-operated through its local branches with the municipal authorities. The dist problems, with which it was called upon to deal, were those of the unemployed and of soldiers families left without incomes. Later problems had to do with the care of refugees, with the food shortage, with the soft carpolyment, with the soft carpolyment, with the soft carpolyment, with the soft carpolyment with the care of the battle fields, and with the instruction of the whole people in new principles of household economy made necessary by war conditions.

The women worked in conjunction with the municipal authorities, with the government boards and bureaus, and on their own account. As the work took shape, a social survey was undertaken. In centers where war conditions were pressing most heavily surveys were begun, and these were gradually extended until a great part of the poor and needy of the country were card-indexed. The needs of all of these families were kept track of closely. Bureaus were opened in cities and towns, to which all might take their difficulties and find relief. The

their difficulties and find relief. The women in these bureaus adjusted rent questions, aided soldiers widows to secure their state support, helped the wives of absent soldiers to get their monthly pensions of 24 marks, with the additional 12 marks for each child under fifteen (these pensions were later increased), and performed free later increased), and performed free later increased), and performed free later service. Volunteer committees and their stores, and in the railway sta-One seldom manages to eat :

Flowers, a slashing expose of the powerful, though subtle, campaign to change public opinion in America in H. G. Wells's "Mr. Brittling Sees It favor of the Japanese; "Belgium's H. G. Wells's "Mr. Britting Sees It favor of the Japanese; "Belgium's Through," published about mid-September, has already reached a sale of Case," by Charles de Visscher, a refuorer 100,000 copies, while ever since tation of the German "explanations" r 100,000 copies, while ever since tation of the German "explanations of the violation of Belgium; "False of the violation of Belgium; "False Witness," by Johannes Joergensen, being the first authoritative book expressing the Danish viewpoint toward German "explanations of the John School of the German "explanations of the John School o Society of Authors and Journalists ex-Society of Authors and Journalists ex-pressing the "crow of its members at the death of Jack London, who has, the response says, "acquired the position of a favorite writer in Russia"

London Times and the London Daily Mail: "The White Road to Verdun," by Kathleen Burke, an account of an interview in the very citadel of Ver-dun with the new Commander-in-Chief of the Armies of France General Ni-

Conference on Prohibition.

ica will open at 10:30 o'clock this morn ing at headquarters, 115 North Fifth Street, with devotional exercises conducted by Mrs. Georgia May Jobson, president of the league, Sessions will be held this morning and at 2:30 o'clock this afternoon, and to-morrow morning and afternoon. A musical and elegent The publication of the ownership and operation of the ownershi

A Book.

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Tis more, much more, for here a hu-man will-The God-in-us hath set His magic

man's skill?

And in a book we see and hear the Action of deity. A thought can kill! And on the printed page the soul a-thrill Dances the music of His magic

It is a miracle! for in the charmed hour I walk with deathless ones, and have

Of stern reality. It is the panacea-The healing of the nations groveling here: My books-my precious friends-this

I give to you who know the charmed

hour. Isdmond Fontaine Charlottesville, Va., January 16, 1917.

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